



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Kazuki EMORI**

Application No.: 10/697,042

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: GAMING MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0031

Examiner: S. Pandya

Art Unit: 3714

Confirmation No.: 8357

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated November 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1 and 4-6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 7-14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)